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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed organization of work for the thirty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission (see annex) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Commission.

2. The first meeting of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission will be convened on Tuesday, 4 March 2003, at 10.30 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. (10.30 a.m. on Tuesday only) to 1 p.m., afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The session will conclude on Friday, 7 March 2003, at 1 p.m.

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Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*		*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
Tuesday, 4 March Morning (10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.)		Opening of the session	0.5
	Item 1	Election of officers	
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/1 E/CN.3/2003/L.1	
		For information	
		E/CN.3/2003/27	
	Item 3 (a)	Population and housing censuses	1.0
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/2	
	Item 3 (b)	Health statistics	1.0
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/3 E/CN.3/2003/4 E/CN.3/2003/5 E/CN.3/2003/6	
		For information	
		E/CN.3/2003/25, paras. 13-15	
Tuesday, 4 March (*continued*) Afternoon (3-6 p.m.)			
	Item 3 (c)	Social statistics	0.75
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/7	

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)
	For information	
	E/CN.3/2003/32	
	Item 3 (d) Washington Group on Disability Measurement	0.25
	For information	
	E/CN.3/2003/8	
	Item 4 (a) National accounts	1.0
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/9	
	Item 4 (b) Measuring the new economy	0.5
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/10	
	Item 4 (c) Agriculture statistics	0.5
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/11	
Wednesday, 5 March Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)		
	Item 4 (d) Statistics of services (programme review)	0.5
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/12	
	For information	
	E/CN.3/2003/15 E/CN.3/2003/25, para. 18	
	Item 4 (e) International Comparison Programme	0.5
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/13	
	Item 4 (f) International merchandise trade statistics	1.0
	Item 4 (g) Statistics of international trade in services	
	Item 4 (h) Finance statistics	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
	Item 4 (i) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes	
	Item 4 (j) Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics	
	For information	
	E/CN.3/2003/14 E/CN.3/2003/15 E/CN.3/2003/16 E/CN.3/2003/17 E/CN.3/2003/18 E/CN.3/2003/25, para. 17	
	Item 5 Natural resources and environmental statistics	1.0
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/19	
Wednesday, 5 March (*continued*) Afternoon (3-6 p.m.)		
	Item 6 (a) International economic and social classifications	1.0
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/20	
	Item 6 (b) Harmonization of indicators and reporting on progress towards the United Nations millennium development goals	1.0
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/21 E/CN.3/2003/22	
	For information	
	E/CN.3/2003/25, paras. 6-8 and 19 E/CN.3/2003/33	
	Item 6 (c) Statistical capacity-building	1.0
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/23 E/CN.3/2003/24	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*		*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
Thursday, 6 March Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)			
	Item 6 (d)	Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions	0.5
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/28	
	Item 6 (e)	Coordination and integration of statistical programme	0.75
Thursday, 6 March (*continued*)			
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/25 E/CN.3/2003/26	
	Item 6 (f)	Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division)	0.75
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/29 E/CN.3/2003/30	
	Item 6 (g)	Problems in the implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics	0.5
Afternoon		No meeting	
Friday, 7 March Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)			
	Item 7	Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fifth session of the Commission	1.0
		For discussion	
		E/CN.3/2003/L.2 E/CN.3/2003/31	
		For information	
		E/CN.3/2003/32 E/CN.3/2003/33 E/CN.3/2003/25, para. 22	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
	Item 8 **Report of the Commission on its thirty-fourth session**	
	For discussion	
	E/CN.3/2003/L.3 and addenda	
	Closing of the session	

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Note by the Secretariat

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1894 (LVII), requested the Secretary-General to submit, at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session, and to indicate the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

2. In its resolution 1979/41, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to it for its review in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies, and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

3. In its resolution 1982/50 on the revitalization of its work, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the documentation and programme of work of its subsidiary bodies should also be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them.

4. The draft provisional agenda will be modified at the present session in the light of resolutions and decisions adopted and requests made by the Commission during the present session, and will be submitted to the Council for review in accordance with its resolution 1979/41.

5. The draft provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Election of officers.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:

(a) Population and housing censuses;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Human settlement statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

(c) Social statistics (programme review);

Documentation

Report of the programme reviewer

(d) Statistics of drugs and drug use;

Documentation

Report of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the United Nations Secretariat

(e) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation;

Documentation

Report of the Paris Group

(f) Rio Group on Poverty Statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Rio Group

(g) Siena Group for Social Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Siena Group

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on National Accounts

(b) Information and communications technology statistics;

Documentation

Report of the International Telecommunication Union

(c) Tourism statistics;

Documentation

Report of the World Tourism Organization

(d) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(e) Round Table on Business Survey Frames;

Documentation

Report of the Round Table

(f) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Delhi Group

(g) Voorburg Group on Service Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Voorburg Group

5. Natural resources and environment accounting: London Group on Environmental Accounting.

Documentation

Report of the London Group

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) Management issues in national statistical offices;

Documentation

Report of national statistical offices

(b) International economic and social classifications;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange Initiative

(d) Guidelines on presentation of statistical data, especially on the Internet

Documentation

Report of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

(e) Methodological development: integrated presentation;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first session

(i) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the work programme of the Division

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-fifth session.

6. The Secretariat, in consultation with the officers of the Commission, will make a proposal to the Commission concerning the dates of the thirty-fifth session.